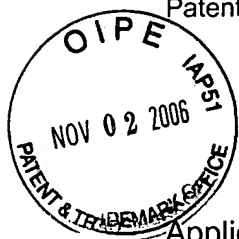


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action, designated a Final rejection, dated July 28, 2006, regarding the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination is concurrently filed herewith. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response and the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination are timely filed because they are filed before the expiration of the three-month time period set by the Office Action, namely, before the expiration of Monday, October 30, 2006, which is the first business day following the three-month date, October 28, 2006, a Saturday, following the date of the Office Action. Accordingly, no Petition for an Extension of Time is filed. Entry of the below-provided Amendments to the Claims in the above-identified application and consideration of the application in view of the below-provided Remarks and Response and further to the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination are respectfully requested.

Application No. 10/642,854

Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Dated July 28, 2006

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.